

SELECTION OF ORTHODONTIC BRACKETS

Abstract of the Invention

Selection of orthodontic brackets from predefined and existing orthodontic
brackets is provided by a user viewing a patient's teeth and using, for example, a user
interface, to define a three-dimensional tooth/arch model from three-dimensional model
data. Likewise, a prescription is selected. With such information, the teeth of the defined
tooth/arch model can be positioned in prescribed positions. Once modifications to the
prescription or for that matter the patient's tooth/arch model, if any, are made, predefined
and existing orthodontic brackets can be selected, e.g., such selection can be based on
selection criteria used to search a database including parameters defining such predefined
and existing orthodontic brackets.